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Applicant : De Heus, et.al.) Group Art Unit Unknown
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For : STERILISATION APPARATUS)
Examiner : Unknown Thornton)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned U.S. National Phase application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Prior to the first line of the specification on page 1, please insert -This application is the U.S. National Phase under 35 U.S.C. Section 371 of International Application PCT/NL97/00404, filed July 12, 1996--.

On page 1 at line 28, please delete "siad" and substitute in its place --said--.

On page 6 at line 1, please delete the word "CLAIMS" and substitute in its place --

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated below:

A [S]terilisation apparatus for medical instruments and the like [objects] which is easy to handle and/or remove, said apparatus comprising [and which is mainly formed by] a casing provided with a double-walled sterilisation boiler [and means for performing the